

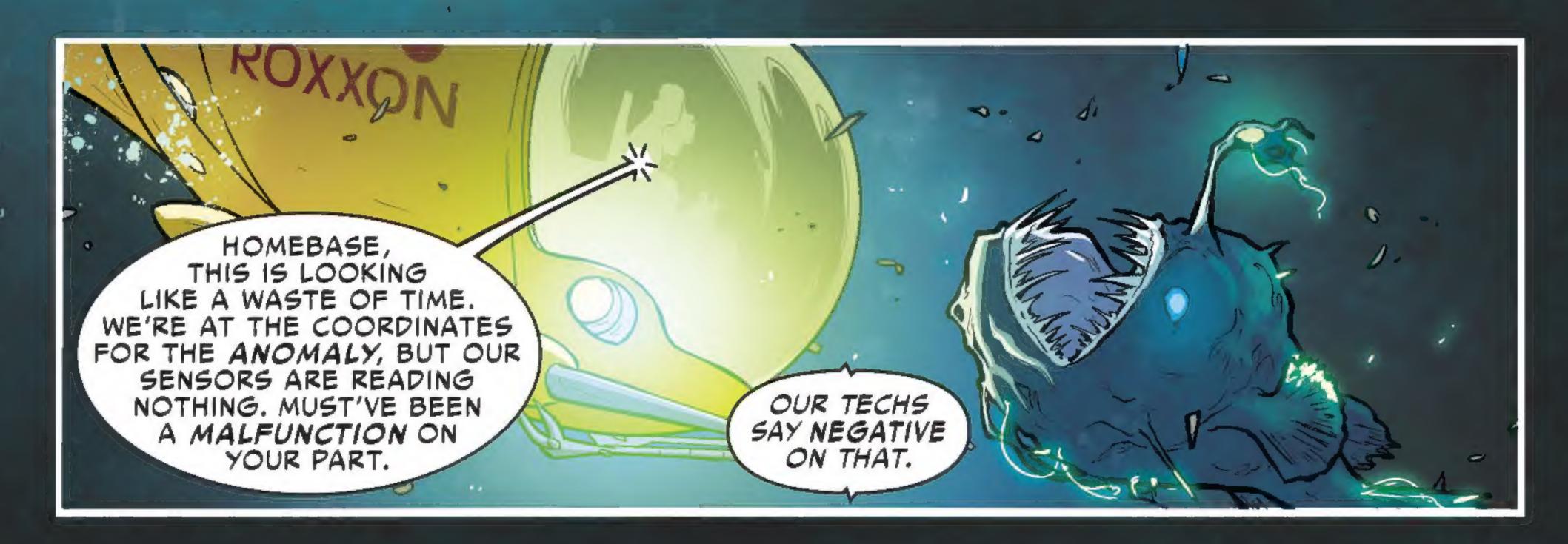




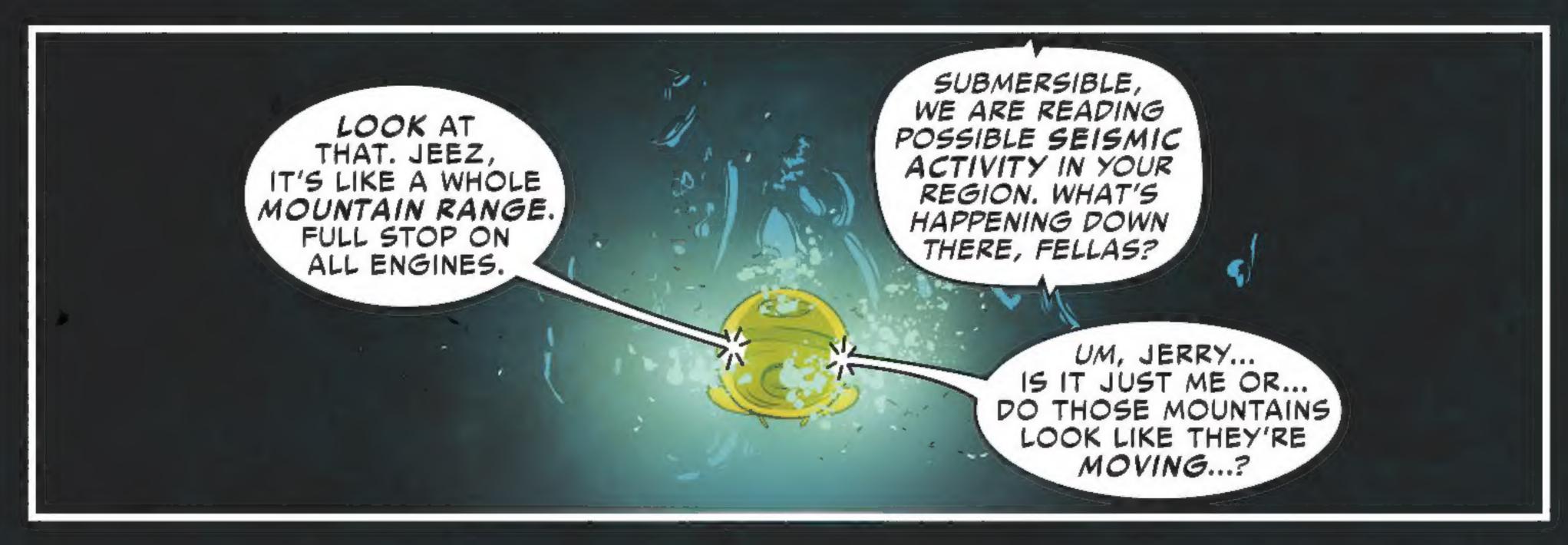


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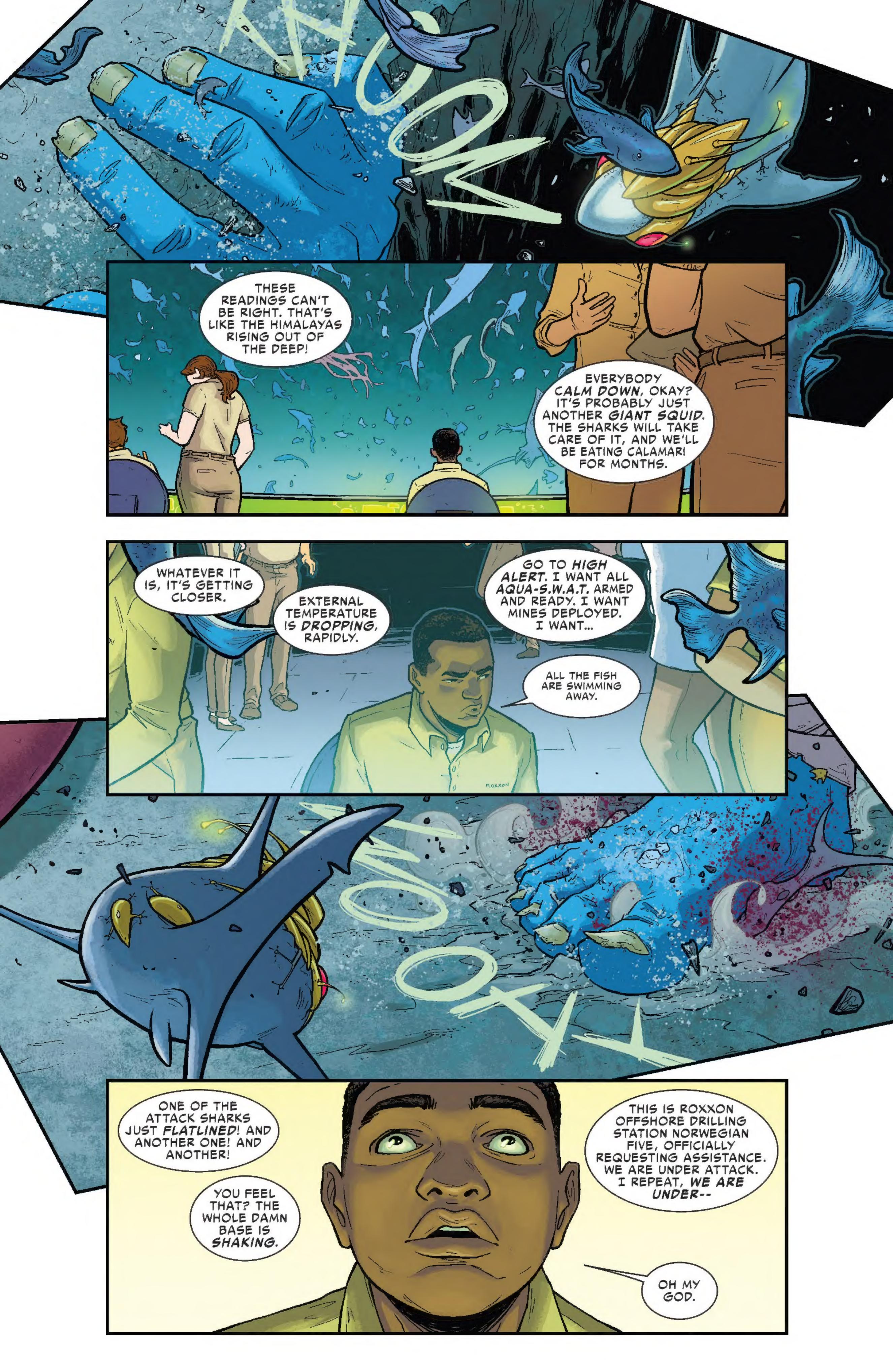
JUST A WHOLE BUNCH OF BLACK.













CHANGE HAS COME TO ASGARD.

AFTER A SELF-IMPOSED EXILE, ODIN THE ALL-FATHER HAS RETURNED TO HIS FORMER KINGDOM (NOW CALLED ASGARDIA). BUT HIS WIFE FREYJA, WHO HAD BEEN RULING ASGARDIA IN HIS STEAD AS THE ALL-MOTHER, HAS NO INTENTION OF LETTING THINGS GO BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE BEFORE ODIN LEFT.

THE BIGGEST CHANGE, THOUGH, IS THAT THEIR SON THOR, THE GOD OF THUNDER, NOW FINDS HIMSELF NO LONGER WORTHY OF WIELDING MJOLNIR, HIS ENCHANTED HAMMER. IN A RECENT BATTLE ON THE MOON, SUPERSPY NICK FURY--EMPOWERED WITH SECRETS HE STOLE FROM THE WATCHER--WHISPERED SOMETHING THAT CAUSED THOR TO DROP MJOLNIR TO THE MOON'S SURFACE, WHERE IT HAS REMAINED EVER SINCE. NO MATTER HOW HARD HE TRIES, THOR CANNOT LIFT IT.

WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF ASGARDIA UNCERTAIN AND THOR NOW IN A SEVERELY WEAKENED STATE, IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THE ENEMIES OF ASGARD STRIKE, BRINGING DOOM TO BOTH THE FABLED REALM AND EARTH ITSELF.

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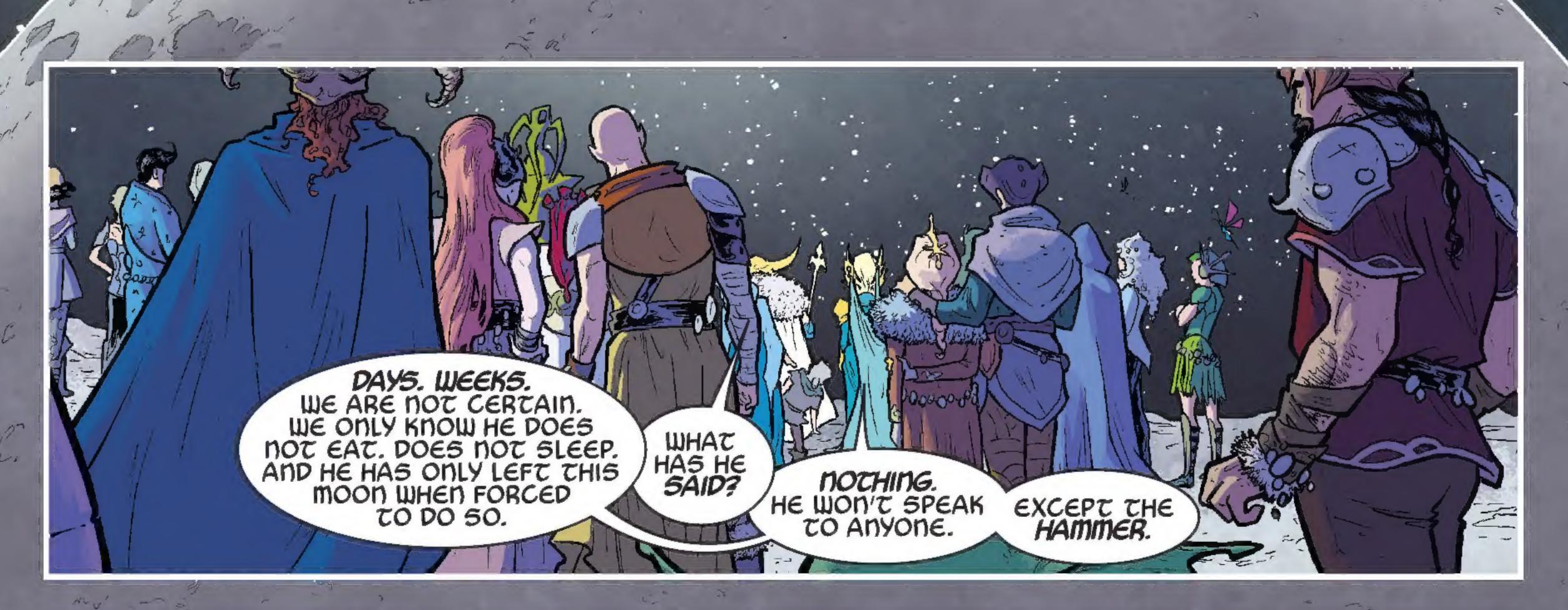
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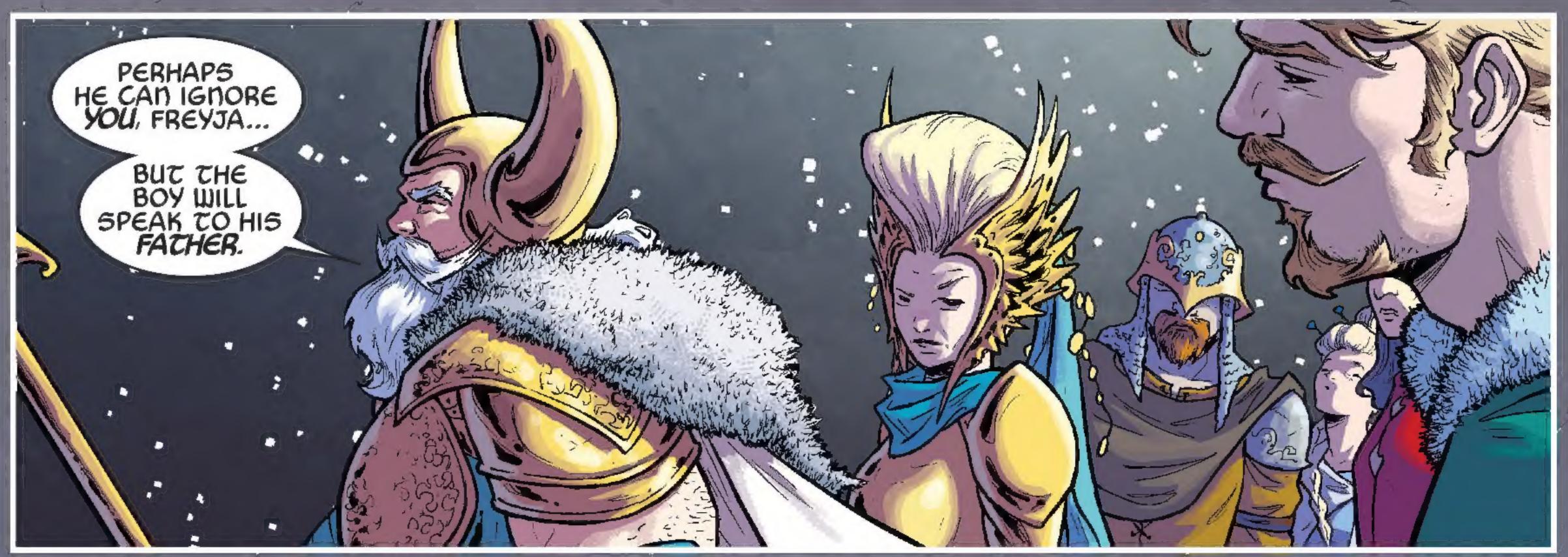
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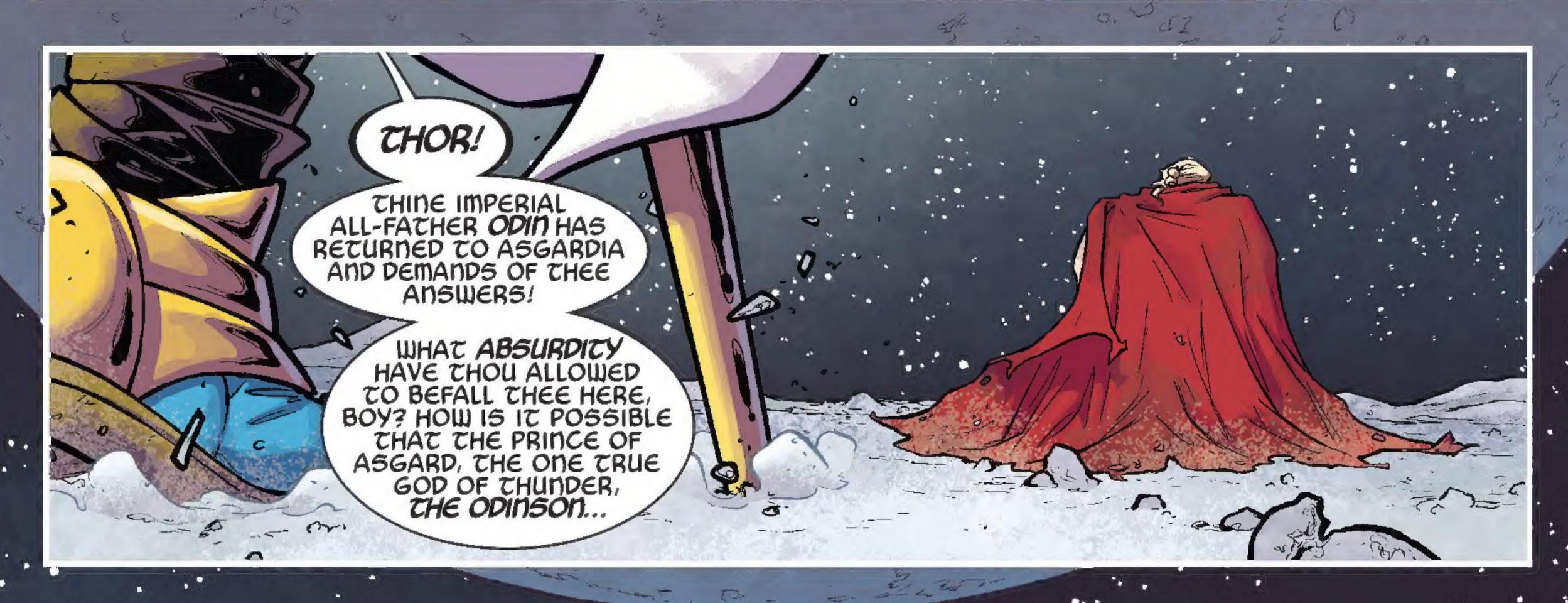
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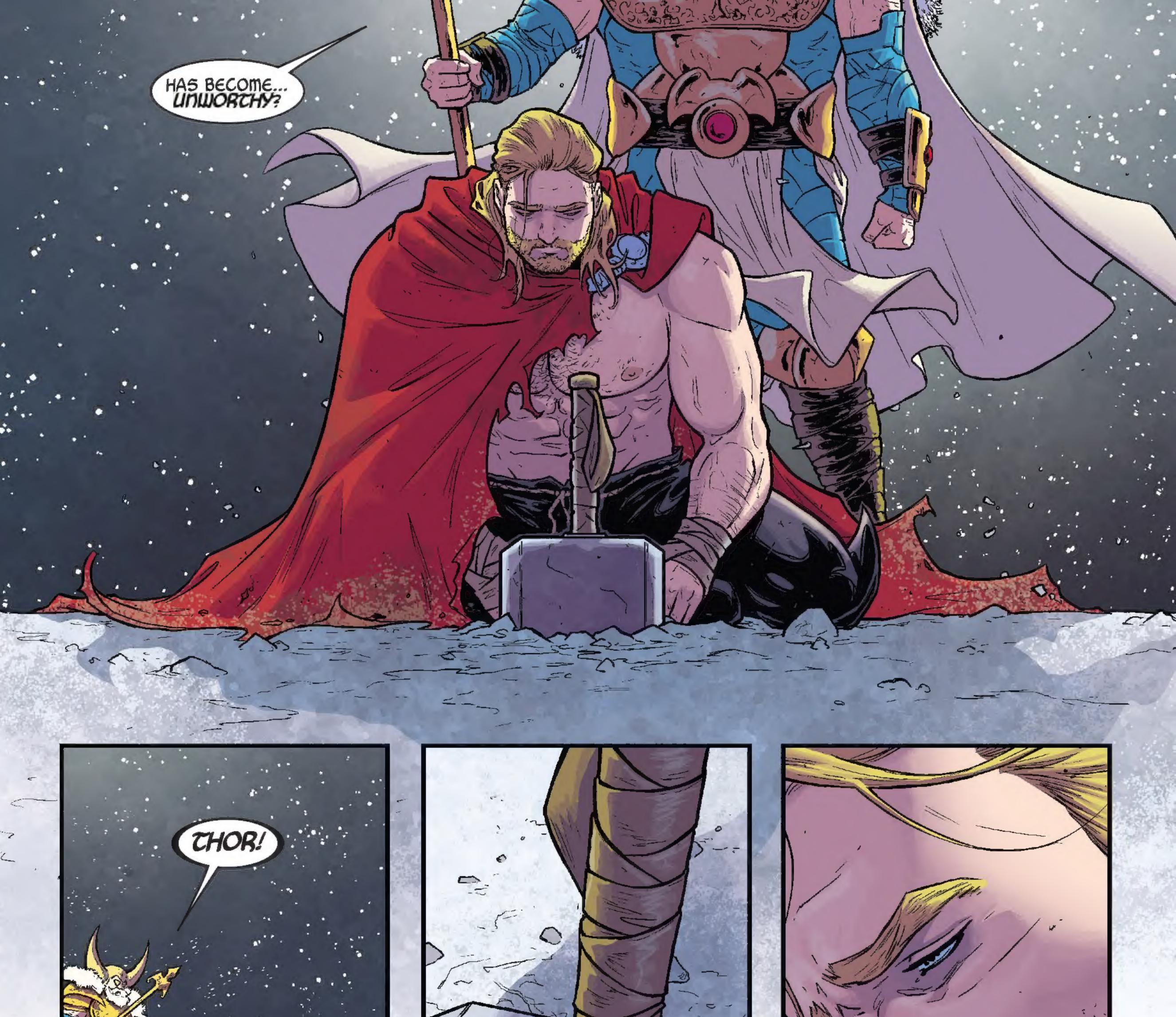


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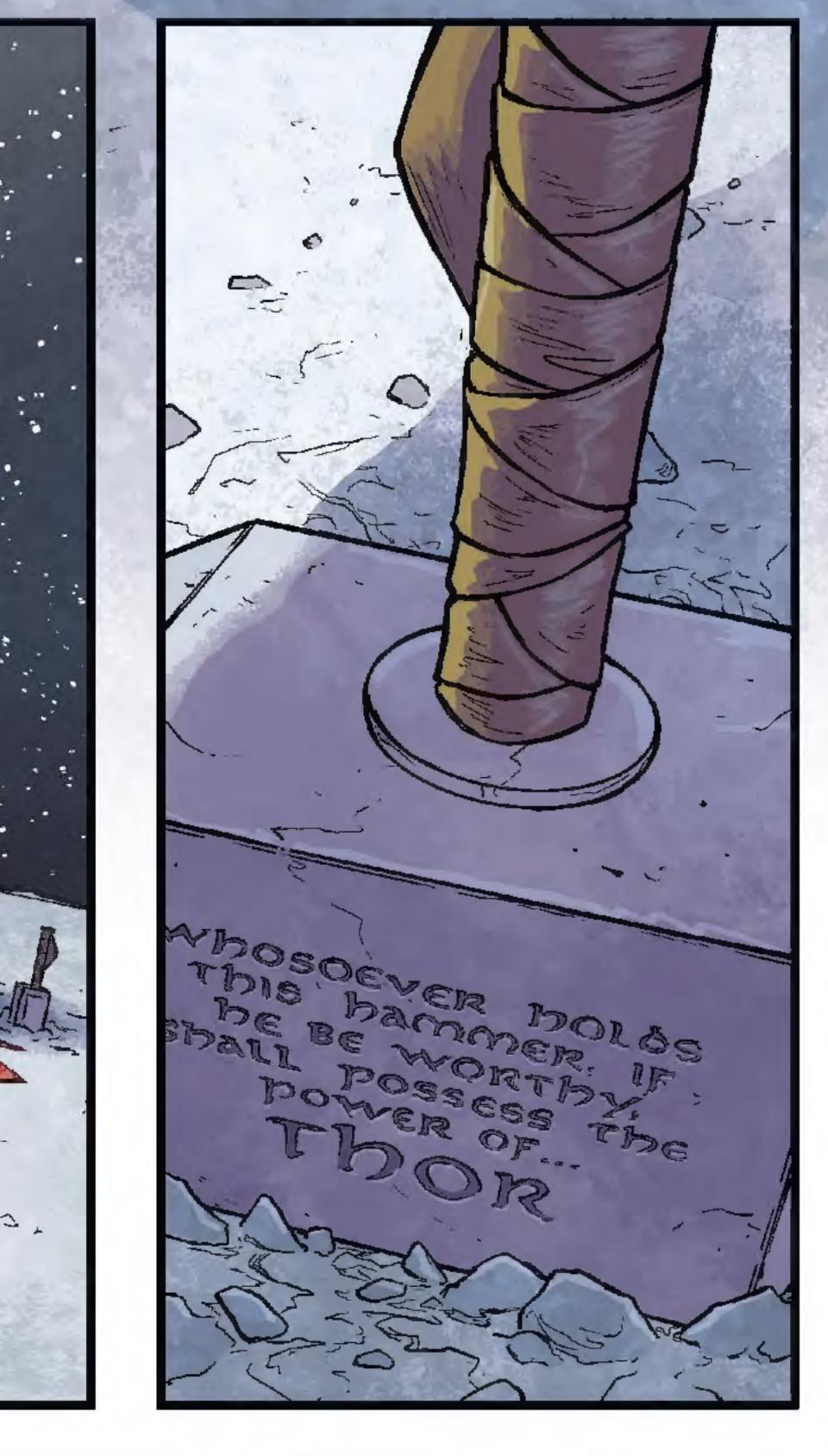


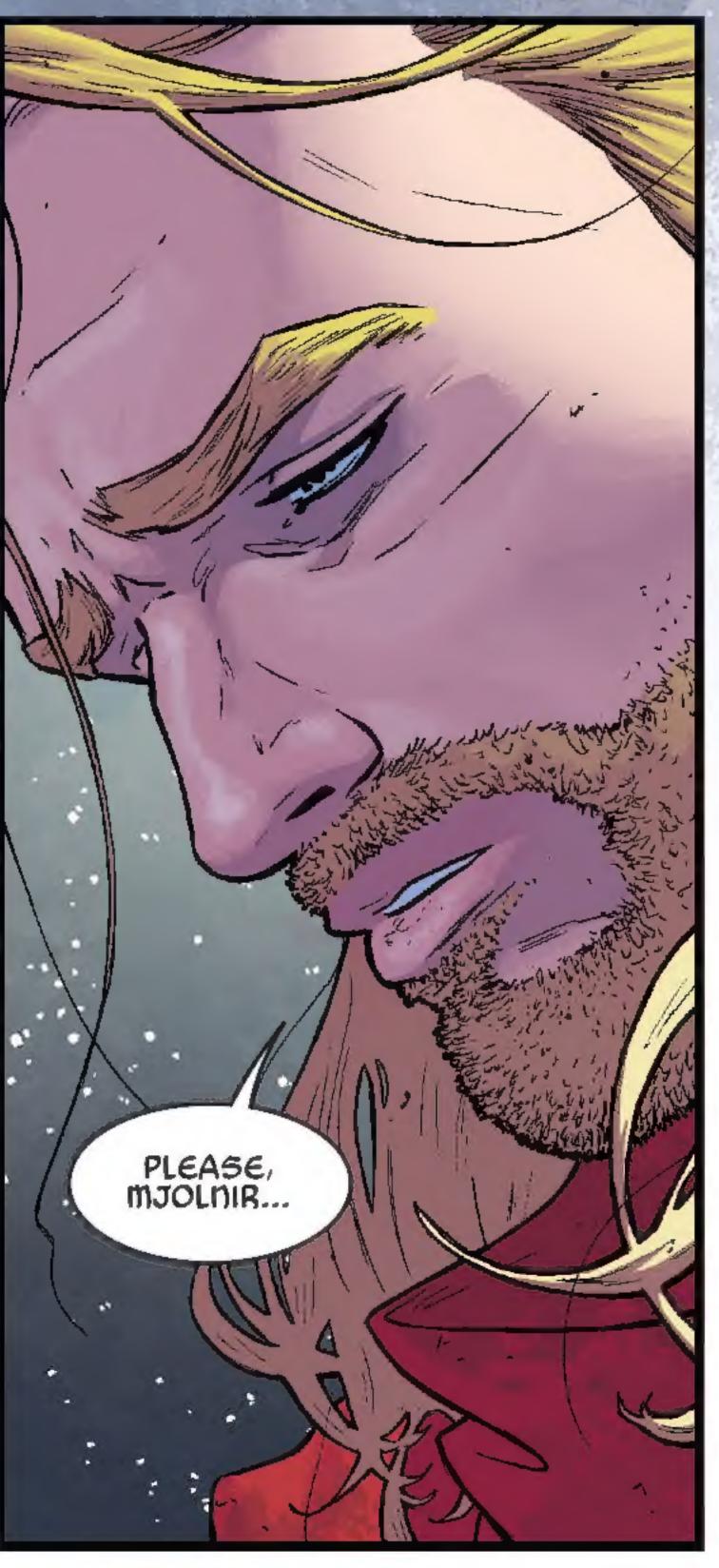


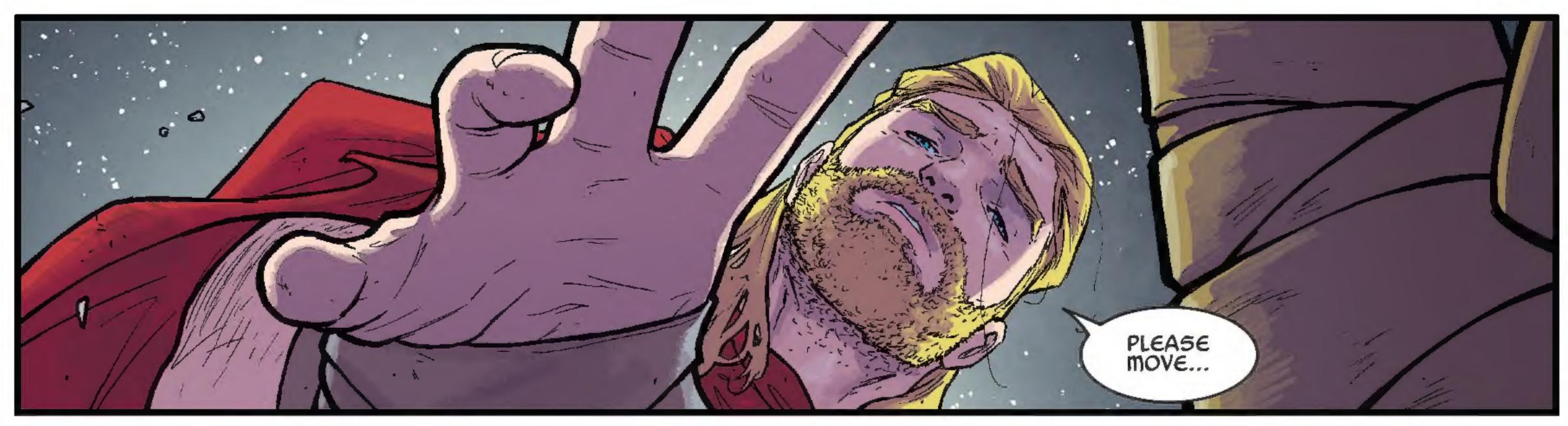


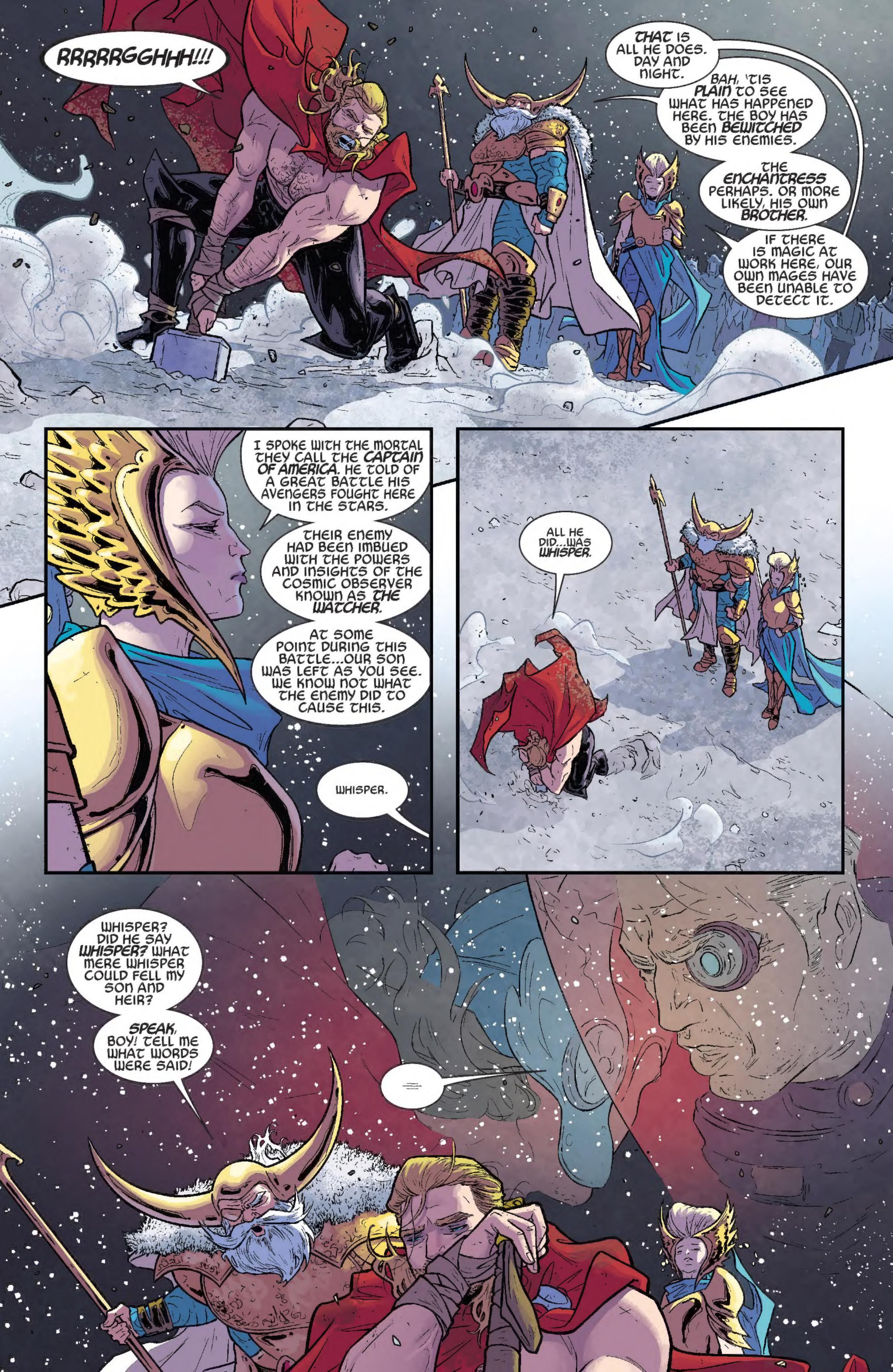


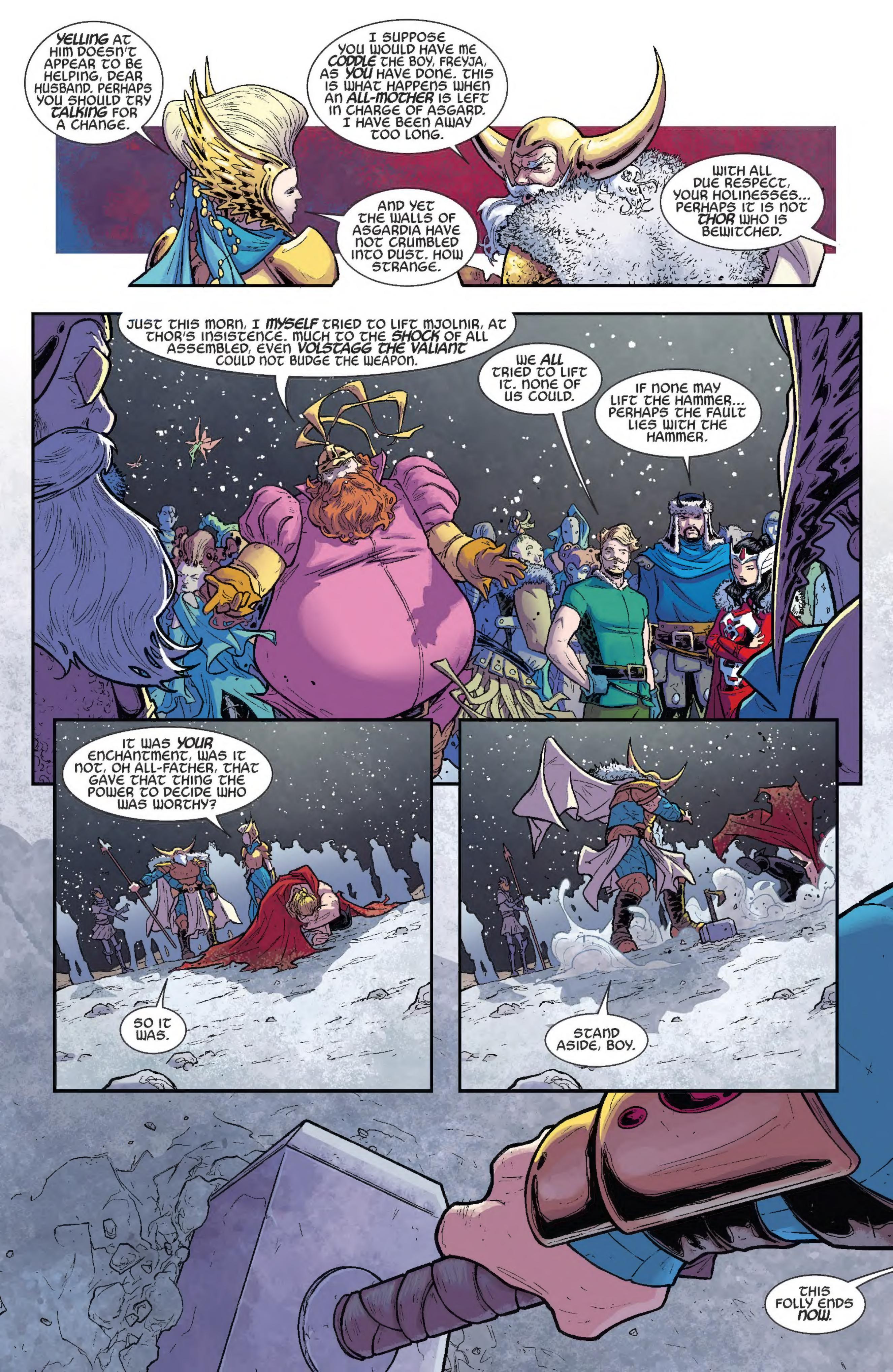












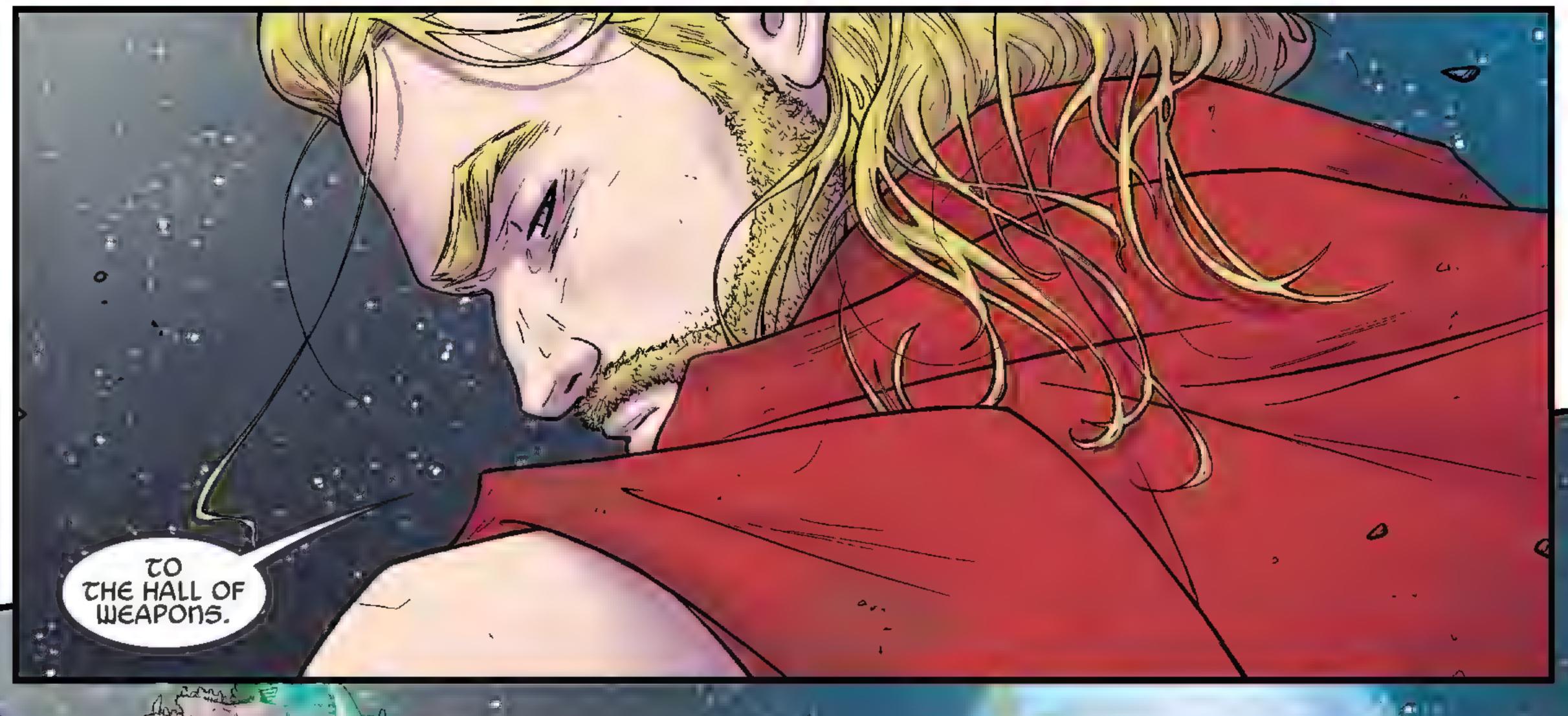




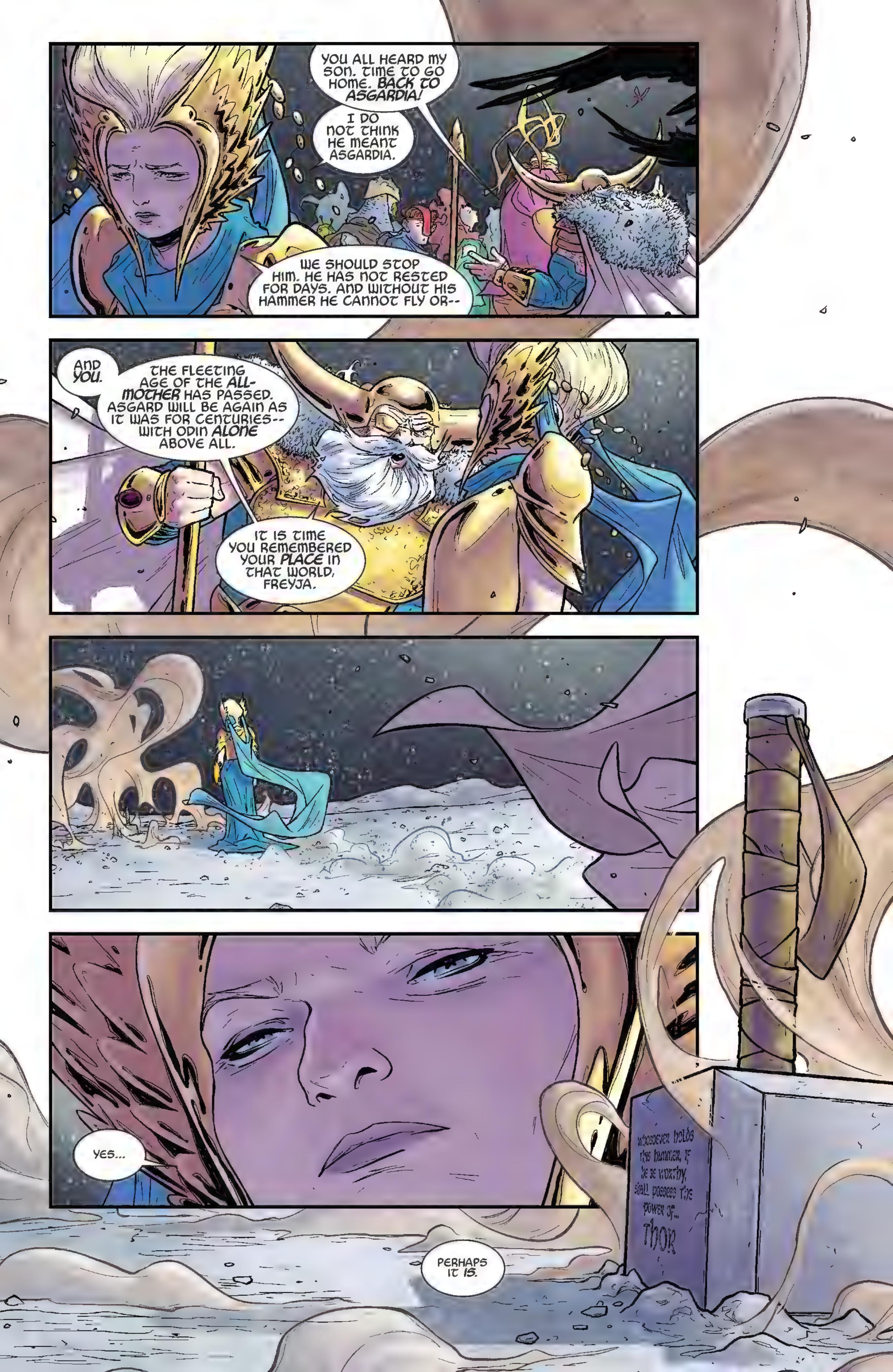




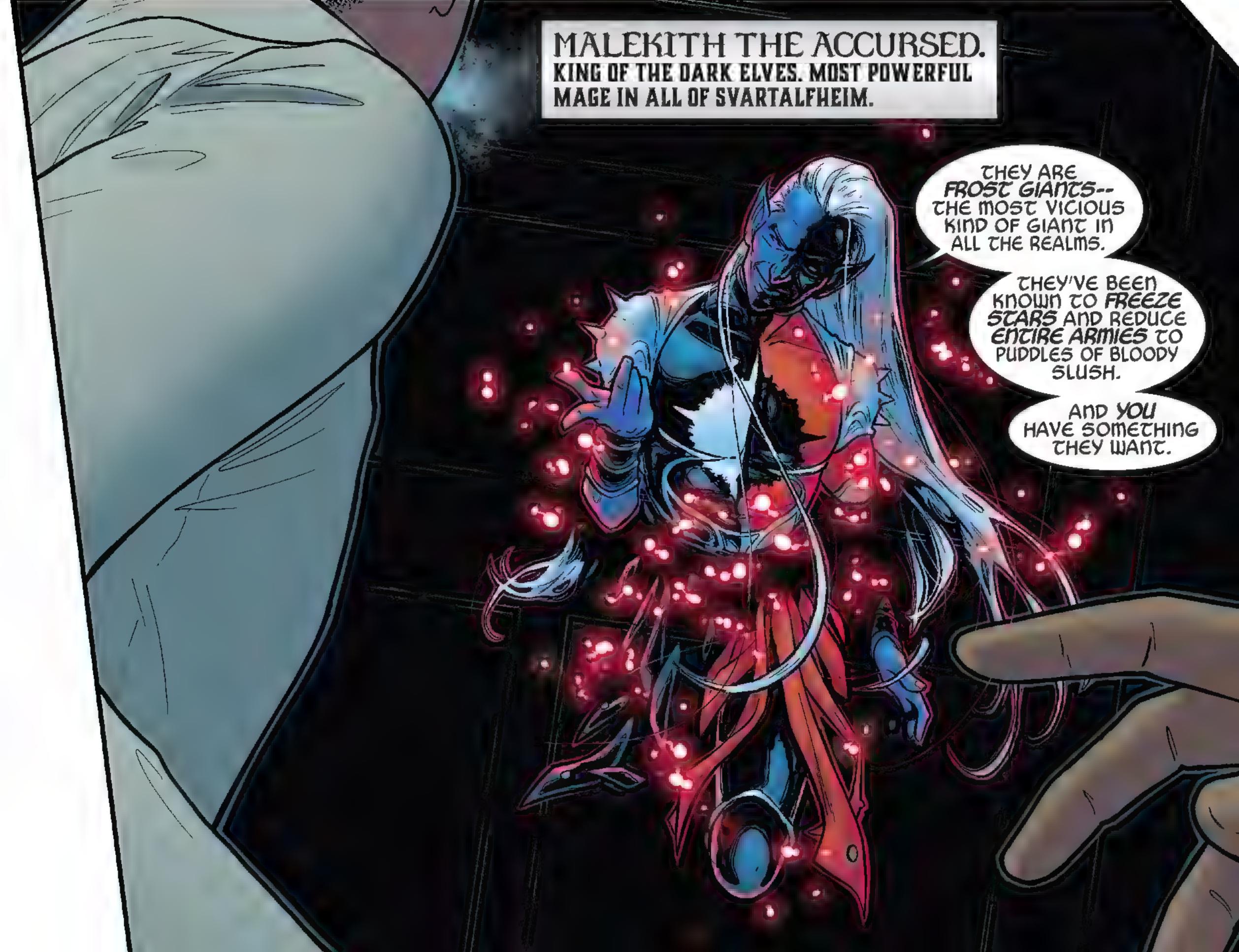


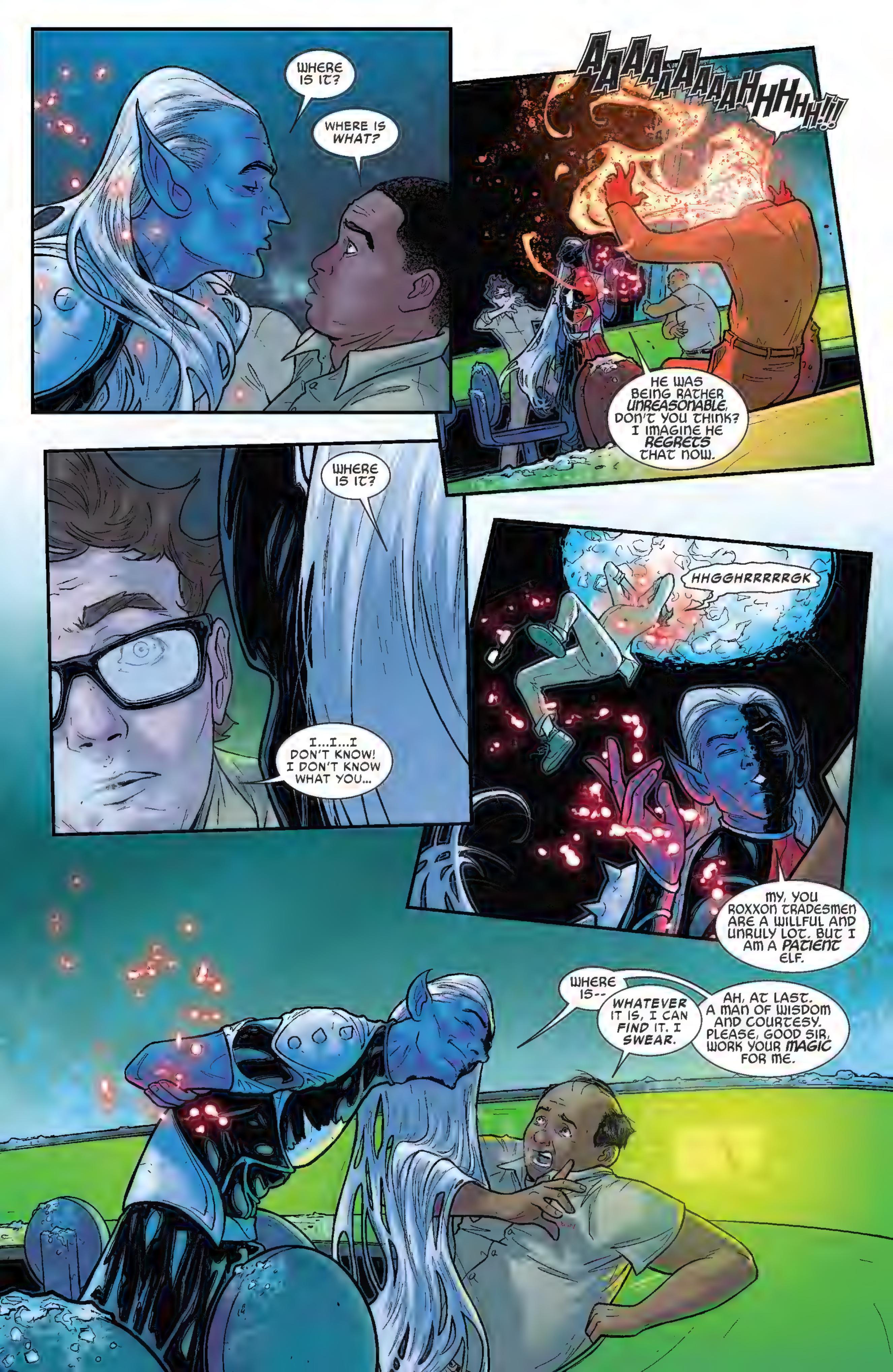


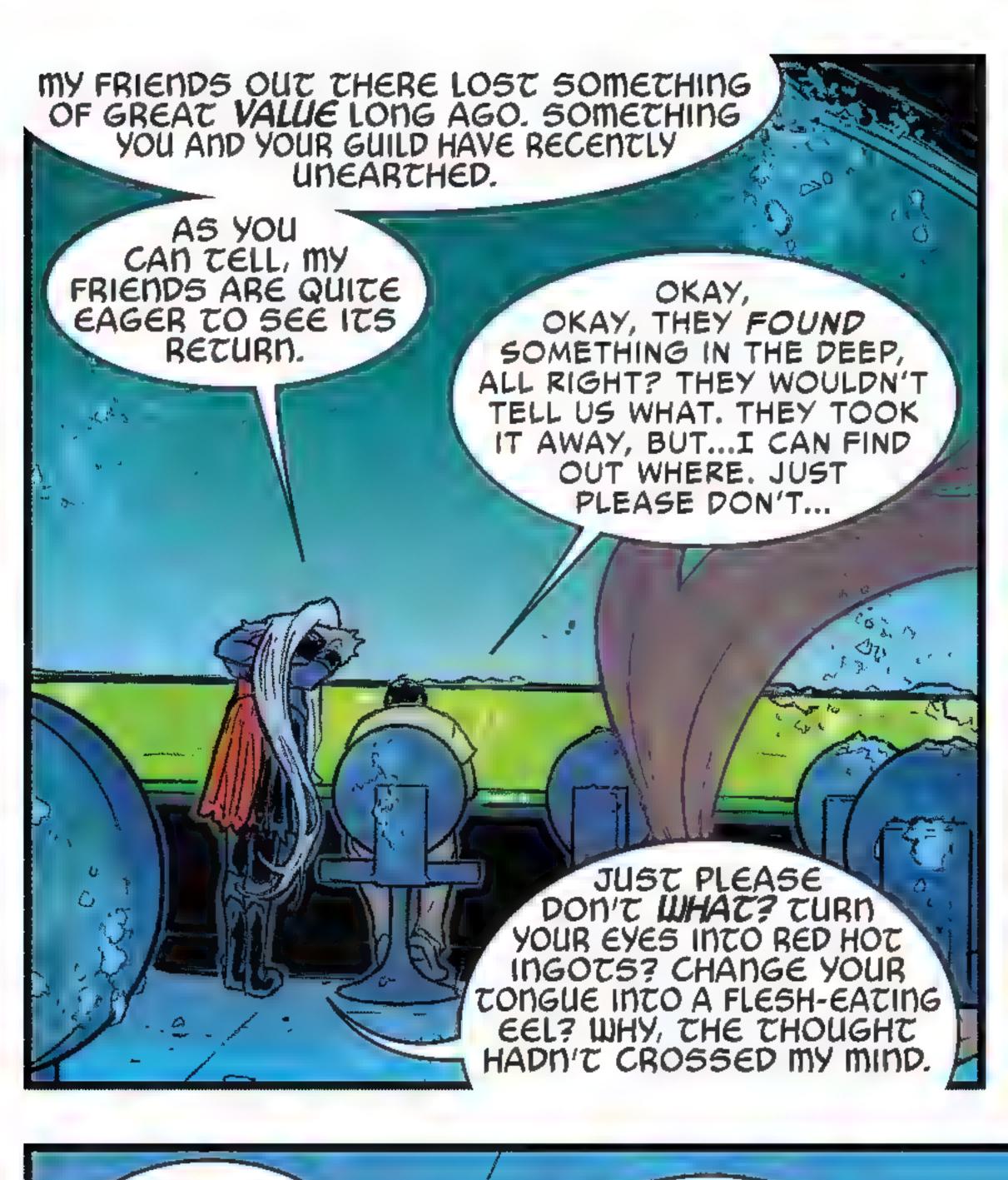


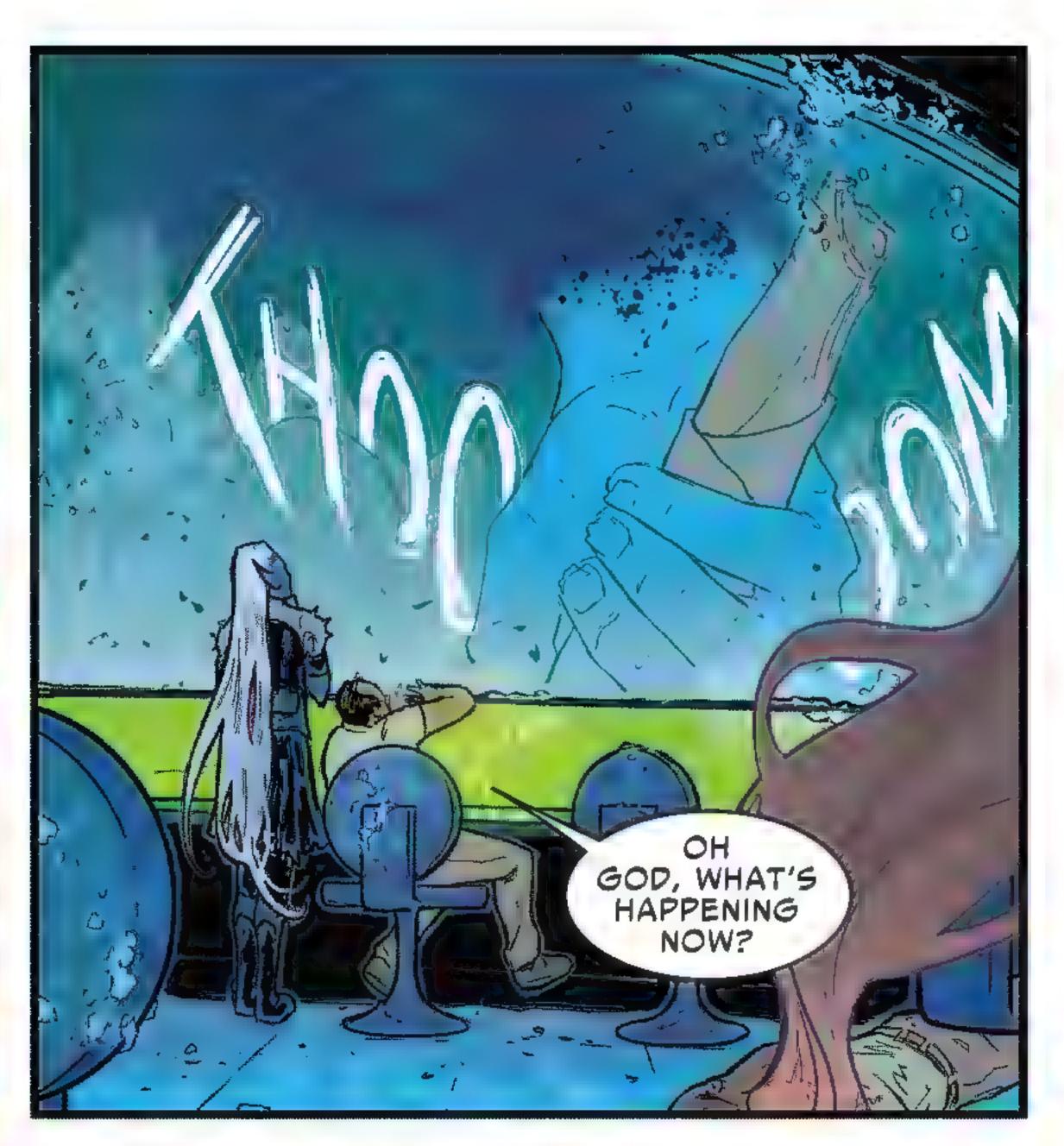


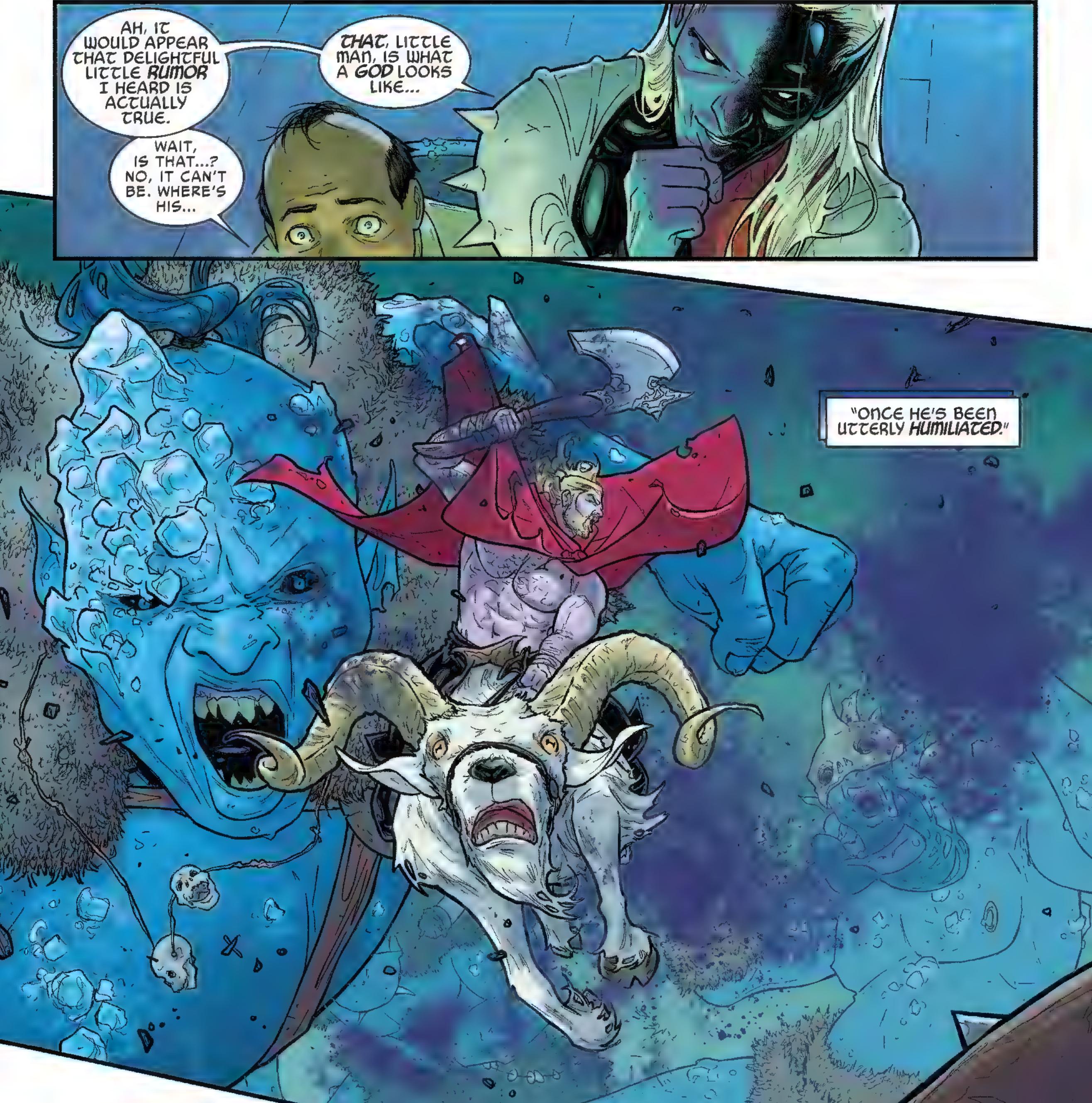






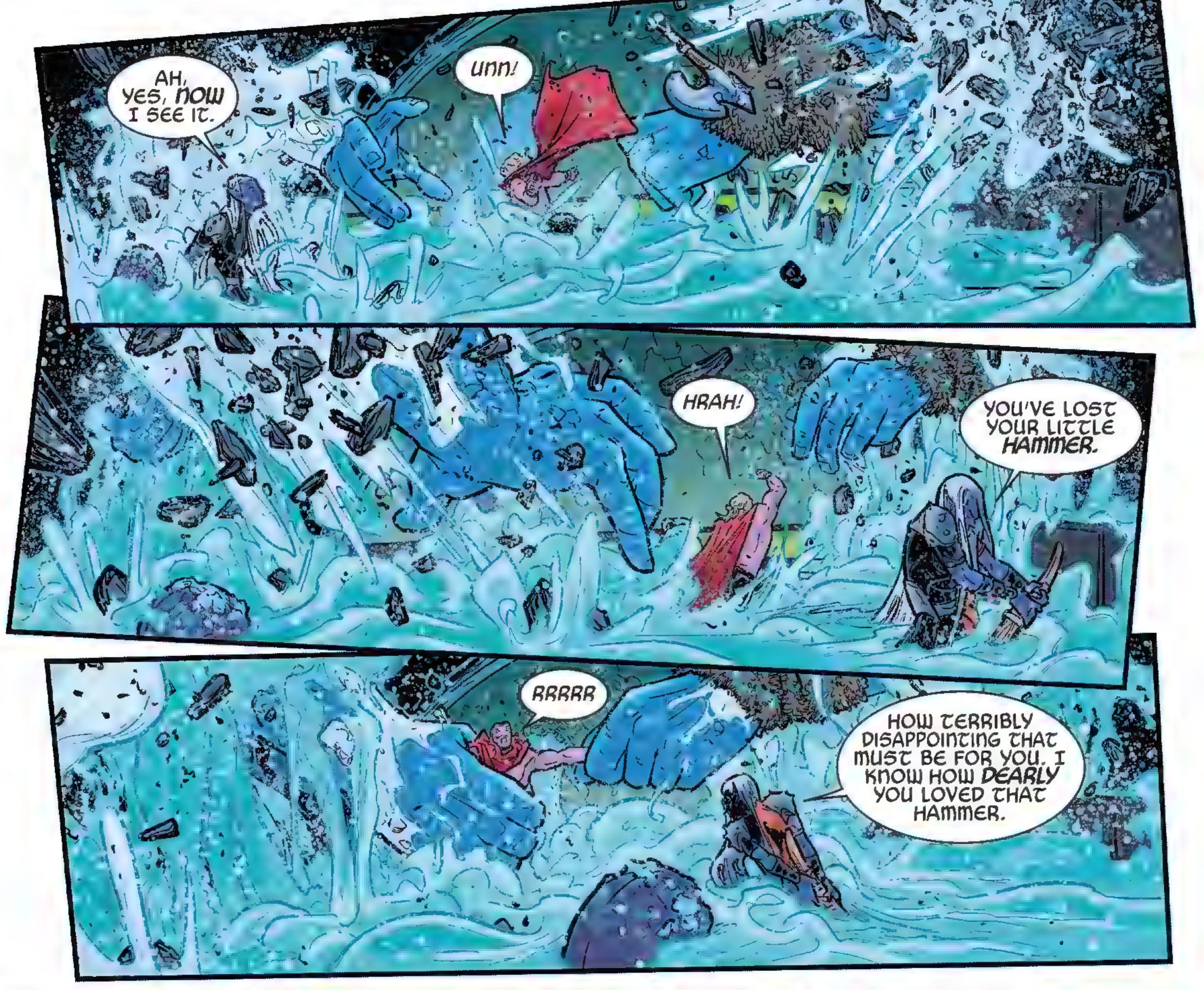


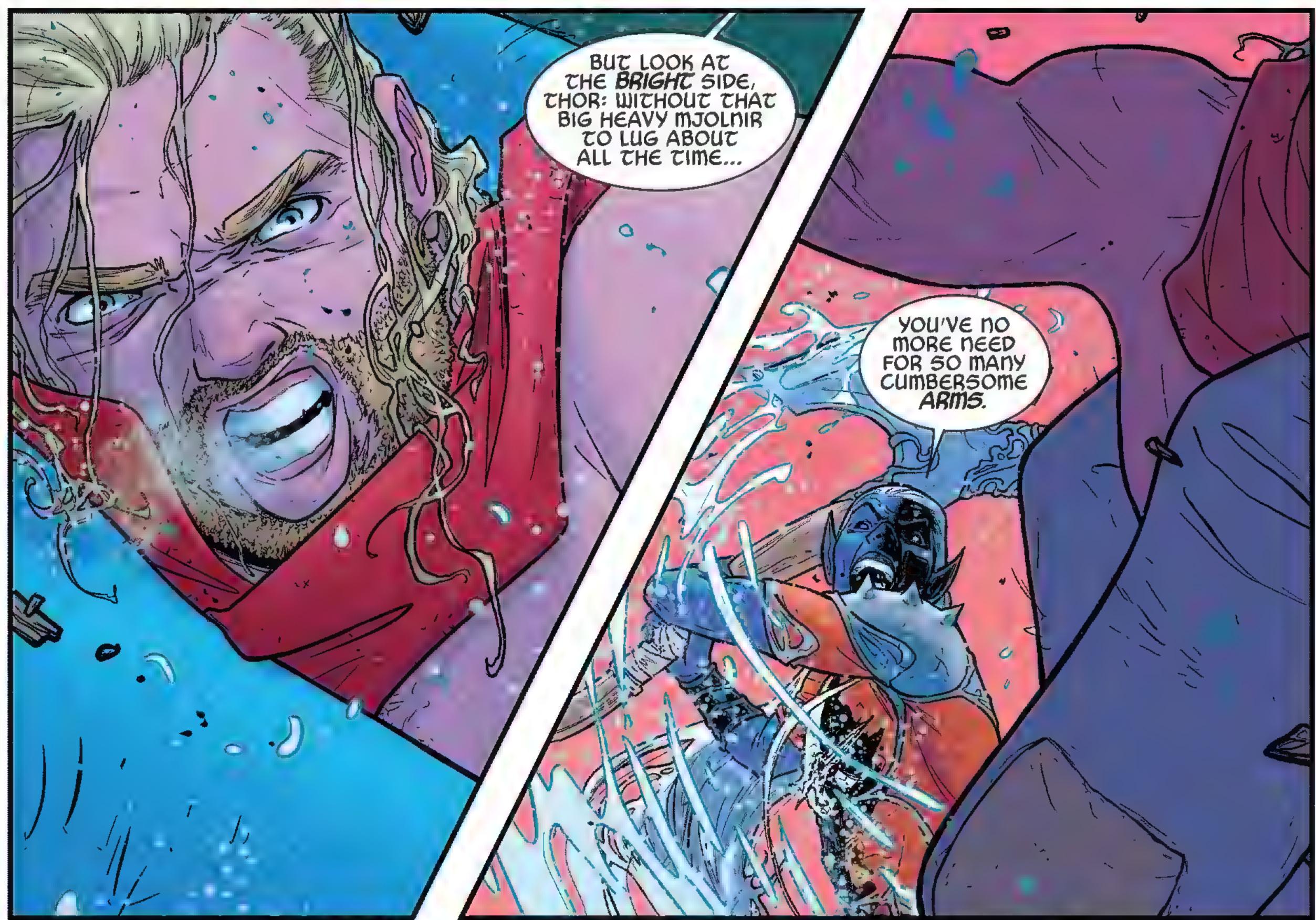






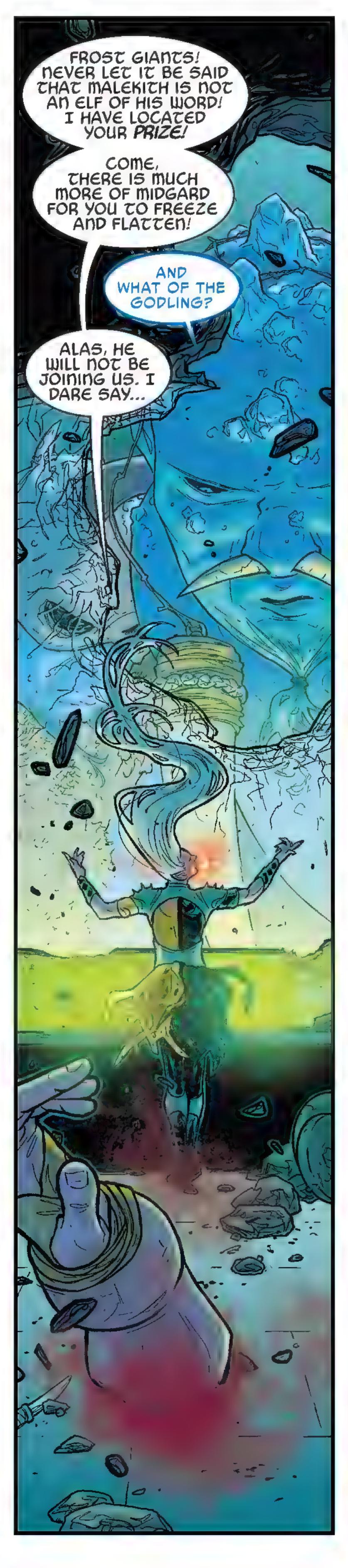


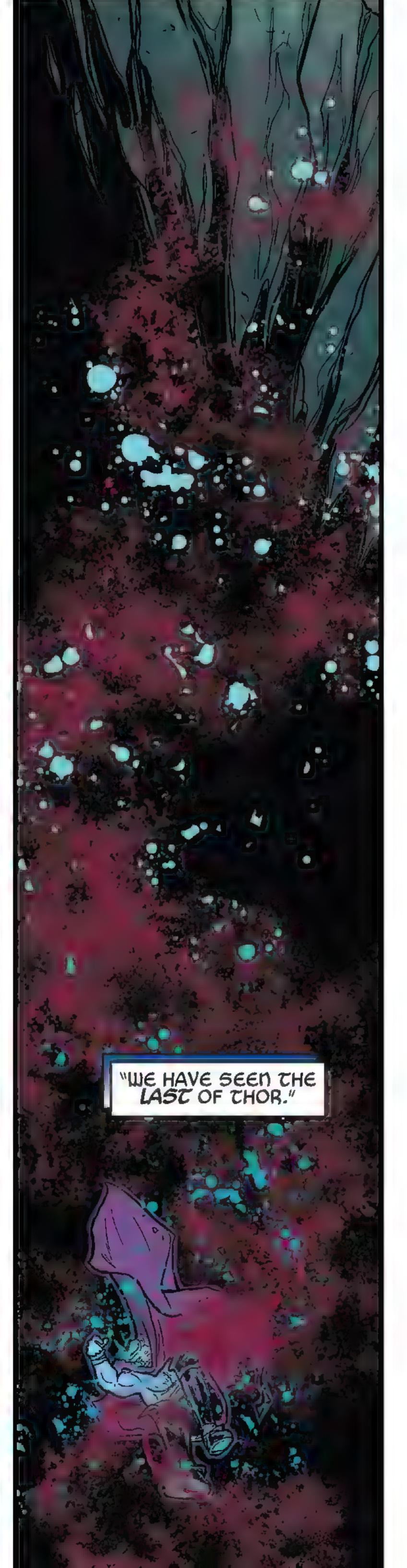




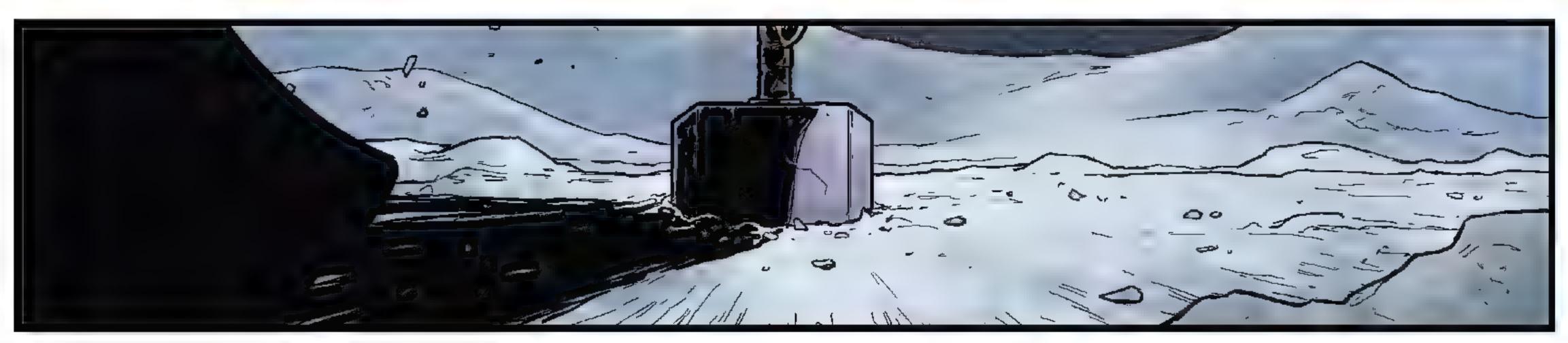
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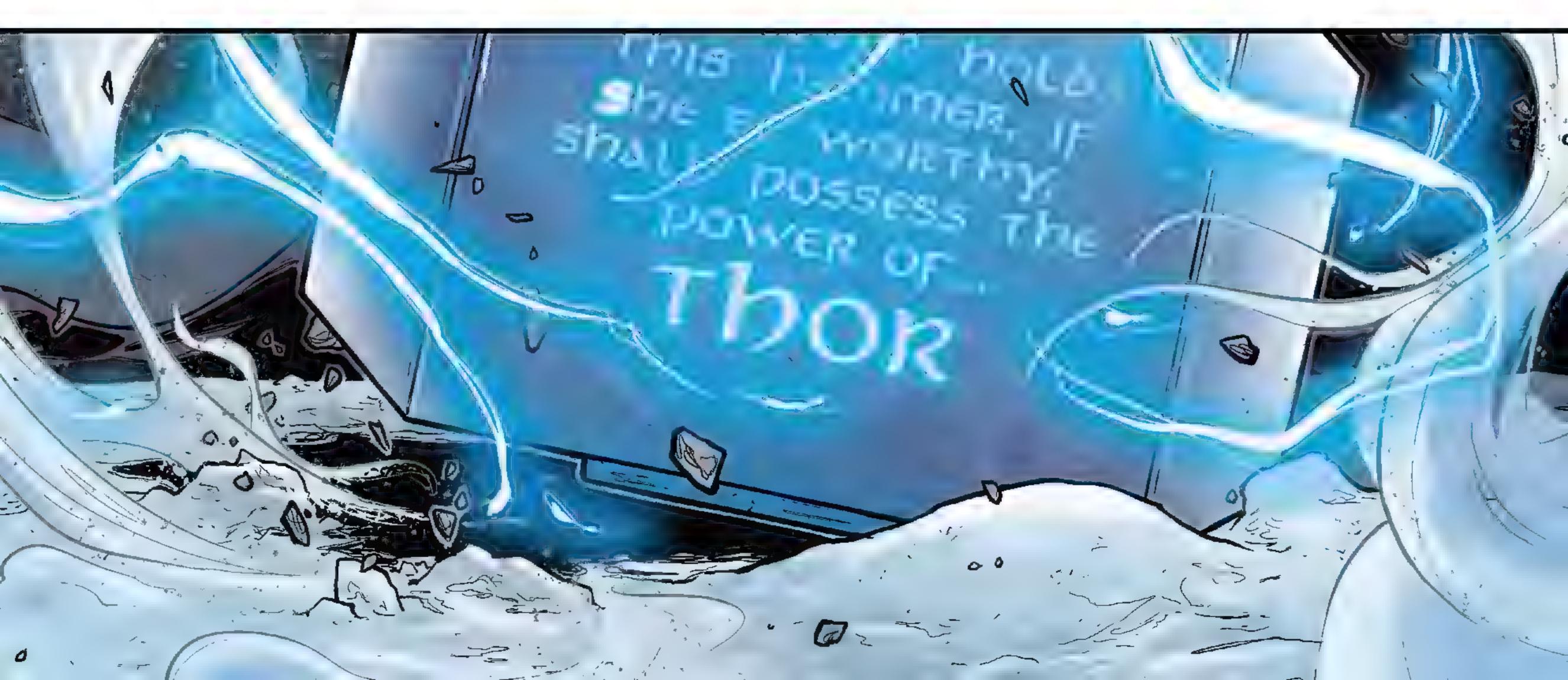




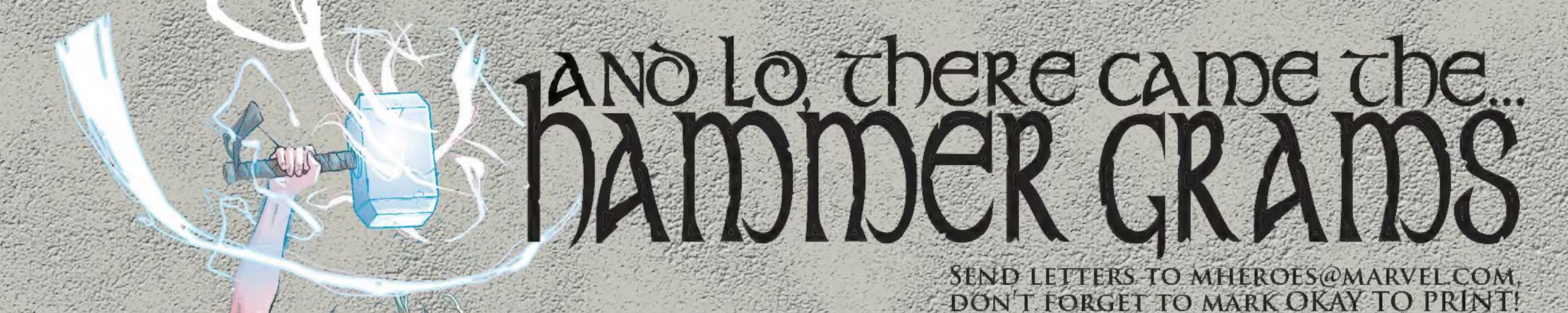












WELCOME TO THE BEGINNING OF A WHOLE NEW ERA OF HAMMER-SLINGING ACTION. WELCOME TO THE ALL-NEW THOR #1. SOME OF YOU I RECOGNIZE FROM THE PAGES OF OUR PREVIOUS THOR SERIES. THOR: GOD OF THUNDER. THANKS FOR MAKING THE TREK OVER TO THE NEW DIGS. HOPE YOU BROUGHT YOUR MEAD AND MUTTON. I'M ALSO SEEING A LOT OF NEW FACES OUT THERE. IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME PERUSING THE PAGES OF A THOR SERIES, LET ME BID YOU A BOISTEROUS NORSE WELCOME. MAKE YOURSELVES AT HOME. SHAKE HANDS WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS. POUR YOURSELF SOME MEAD BEFORE THE BARRELS RUN DRY. ALL ARE WELCOME HERE IN THE HALLS OF ASGARD.

RETURNING READERS MAY NOTICE A FEW THINGS THAT ARE DIFFERENT ABOUT THIS NEW SERIES. YES, JUDGING BY THE ENDING OF THIS ISSUE, IT WOULD APPEAR THE RUMORS ARE TRUE. THERE'S SOMEONE NEW HOLDING THE HAMMER OF THE THUNDER GOD. AND SHE LOOKS READY TO KICK SOME SERIOUS ASS. "SHE"...? WAIT, WHAT? YES, YOU MAY'VE HEARD A BIT OF HUBBUB ABOUT THIS A FEW MONTHS BACK WHEN IT WAS FIRST ANNOUNCED ON "THE VIEW." (YES, "THE VIEW." THAT REALLY HAPPENED.) WHAT SAY WE DIVE RIGHT INTO A BIT OF THAT HUBBUB RIGHT OUTTA THE GATE?

DEAR MR. AARON,

OH, HOW THE MIGHTY HAVE FALLEN! I'M NOT REFERRING TO THOR THOUGH (AT LEAST, NOT YET). I'VE BEEN COLLECTING COMICS FOR A LONG, LONG TIME... ESPECIALLY THOR. I CAN REALLY ONLY SPEAK FOR MYSELF (ALTHOUGH I'VE READ MANY SIMILAR OPINIONS ONLINE FROM OTHER FANS), BUT I CAN'T RECALL ANOTHER MOMENT WHERE MY PERCEPTION OF A PARTICULAR CREATOR (I.E., YOU) SHIFTED

SO QUICKLY AND NEGATIVELY.

ENJOYED HAVE TRULY YOUR GOD REGARDING THE **ARCS** BUTCHER, THE MINOTAUR AND, TO A LESSER EXTENT, MALEKITH. AFTER THREE SUCH STRONG STORIES, YOU WERE NEARING THE HALLOWED HALLS OF THE GREAT THOR WRITERS OF ALL TIME IN MY OWN ASSESSMENT. I WAS SO EXCITED FOR THE LONG AWAITED MANGOG STORY (ESPECIALLY IF RIBIC DREW IT). HOWEVER, THAT HAS ALL COME CRASHING DOWN AFTER THE RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE UPCOMING THOR REPLACEMENT--WHICH IS AN **OBVIOUS** REGARDLESS OF SPIN--AND THE DISLIKABLE LIMITED ORIGINAL SIN SERIES INVOLVING THOR AND LOKI, WHERE THOR WAS JUST THRASHED AROUND BY ANGELA AS IF HE WERE PRE-CAP STEVE ROGERS.

FINALLY, I JUST DON'T GET IT. YOU SEEMED TO UNDERSTAND THOR. IT APPEARED YOU ENJOYED CONNECTING WITH HIS FANS. YET, YOU'VE VEERED OFF-COURSE AND SO QUICKLY ALIENATED AT LEAST THIS ONE LONG TIME, DIE-HARD I WAITED ANXIOUSLY FOR EVERY FAN. NEW ISSUE OF T:GOT...NOW, YOU HAVE ME SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING LEAVING COMICS ALTOGETHER. SURE, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT A FICTIONAL CHARACTER HERE, I GET THAT. BUT I'VE INVESTED YEARS OF READING TIME AND GOBS OF MONEY ON MERCHANDISE TIED TO THIS ONE CHARACTER. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PASTIME OF MINE AND NOW THOR AND EVERYTHING ELSE ASGARD MAY BE SOON BEHIND ME. WHAT A BUMMER.

> SINCERELY, OSCAR NUNEZ

ALL RIGHT, SO LET ME GET THIS STRAIGHT, OSCAR. YOU'RE A HUGE, MASSIVE THOR FAN, AND YOU WERE ENJOYING THE GOD OF THUNDER SERIES RIGHT FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. AND THEN ONE DAY THOR LOST ONE FIGHT IN ONE ISSUE OF A TIE-IN SERIES, AND YOU HEARD AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ANOTHER STORY THAT WAS STILL MONTHS AWAY, THAT YOU COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE READ YET, AND SUDDENLY THOR'S WORLD ALL CAME CRASHING DOWN, JUST LIKE THAT? I'LL JUST SAY, FOR MY PART, THAT NOTHING HAS CHANGED FOR ME IN REGARDS TO MY LOVE

OR UNDERSTANDING OF THE CHARACTER OF THOR. I AM STILL TELLING THE EXACT SAME STORY THAT I SET OUT TO TELL WAY BACK IN GOD OF THUNDER #1. THE SAME STORY OF WORTHINESS AND THE CHALLENGES OF BEING A GOD. THIS IS NOT ME THROWING AWAY EVERYTHING I'VE BEEN WORKING ON AND BUILDING UP FOR TWO YEARS. AS YOU CAN SEE THIS ISSUE (OR MAYBE YOU CAN'T, IF YOU ALREADY STOPPED READING), THE SAME THREADS CONTINUE ON FROM THE PREVIOUS SERIES. THIS IS MERELY THE NEXT ACT OF WHAT I STILL HOPE WILL BE A VERY LONG RUN BY ME AS WRITER OF THOR'S ADVENTURES. YES, IT'S AN ACT WHERE THOR ODINSON HAS TO FACE A VERY DIFFERENT SORT OF CHALLENGE. THE CHALLENGE OF A WORLD WHERE HE'S NOT WORTHY. BUT JUST BECAUSE HE'S NOT HOLDING THE HAMMER DOESN'T MEAN HE'S GOING AWAY. HIS STORY WILL CONTINUE ON IN THESE PAGES AND ELSEWHERE. BELIEVE ME, I'VE STILL GOT BIG PLANS FOR THE ODINSON. THE SAME BIG PLANS I'VE ALWAYS HAD.

AND AS FOR OUR NEW HAMMER WIELDER, WELL, YOU CAN DISMISS IT OFFHAND AS AN "OBVIOUS GIMMICK" IF YOU LIKE, BUT AS THE GUY WHO CAME UP WITH THE IDEA AND WHO CRAFTED THE STORY, I CLEARLY SEE IT AS SOMETHING QUITE A BIT DIFFERENT. IN THE PAGES OF MARVEL COMICS GOING BACK TO 1962, THE HAMMER OF THOR HAS ALWAYS COME WITH A CERTAIN INSCRIPTION, ONE THAT MAKES A VERY SPECIFIC PROMISE. THE PROMISE OF TRANSFORMATION. THAT PROMISE WAS FIRST ESTABLISHED BY STAN LEE AND JACK KIRBY IN THE PAGES OF JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY #83, THOR'S VERY FIRST APPEARANCE, WHEN A CRIPPLED DOCTOR WANDERED INTO A REMOTE CAVE TO FIND A STRANGE STICK, A STICK THAT BECAME A HAMMER WHEN HE WHACKED IT ON THE GROUND, A HAMMER THAT TRANSFORMED HIM INTO THE MIGHTY THOR, "THE MOST EXCITING SUPER-HERO OF ALL TIME!!" YEARS LATER, WRITER/ ARTIST WALTER SIMONSON'S FIRST ISSUE OF A LEGENDARY RUN ON THE SERIES WOULD FEATURE A COVER SHOWING A STRANGE, HORSE-FACED ALIEN WEARING THOR'S GARB AND USING THOR'S VERY OWN HAMMER TO SMASH APART THE BOOK'S OLD LOGO. THOSE STORIES, AND MANY MORE OVER THE YEARS, HAVE SHOWN THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THOR'S HAMMER, MJOLNIR, IN ACTION. THAT PROMISE IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF THE CHARACTER'S LEGACY.

THIS STORY, THE ONE THAT BEGINS THIS VERY ISSUE, IS THE NEXT EVOLUTION OF THAT PROMISE. IS IT EXACTLY THE SAME STORY AS WITH DONALD BLAKE OR BETA RAY BILL OR ERIC MASTERSON? NO, OF COURSE NOT. IF IT WAS, WHAT WOULD BE THE POINT IN TELLING IT? BUT IS IT A THOR STORY? YOU BET YOUR ASS IT'S A THOR STORY. AND IT'S ONE I'M SUPER-EXCITED TO TELL. JUST AS EXCITED AS I WAS TWO YEARS AGO WHEN I FIRST GOT THE JOB TO TELL THE STORY OF THREE THORS AND ONE GOD BUTCHER. SO...MOVING ON TO A RATHER DIFFERENT VIEWPOINT ON THE SUBJECT...

DEAR MR. AARON,

I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE A THOR TITLE WITH A FEMALE AS THE HERO. A WOMAN WHO FOUND THE HAMMER OR WAS GIVEN THE HAMMER, AND IS WORTHY TO BE THOR. I HAVE A CONFESSION, I HAVE BEEN DEPRESSED FOR YEARS. VERY DEPRESSED. LIFE-ENDING DEPRESSED. COMIC BOOKS SAVED MY LIFE. I READ THEM AS A CHILD, BUT "GREW OUT OF THEM." I ENDED UP VERY ALONE AND VERY DEPRESSED, BUT WHEN THE X-MEN MOVIE CAME OUT IT REMINDED ME HOW MUCH I LOVED COMICS. BY THE TIME THE IRON MAN MOVIE CAME OUT I WAS HEAVILY RELYING ON COMICS FOR ENCOURAGEMENT. FOR MOTIVATION. I LOOKED TO THE FEW FEMALE CHARACTERS AVAILABLE, BUT WHO I LOOKED UP TO MOST WAS THOR.

THOR WAS MY HERO. HE WAS NOBLE AND STRONG. HE WAS SMARTER THAN PEOPLE

EVER GAVE HIM CREDIT FOR, HE WAS FULL of Joy and Duty. He was a champion, A LEADER, AN EXAMPLE THAT EVEN WHEN WE ARE LOW WE ARE REDEEMABLE. WE CAN CRASH AND BURN, BUT STILL BE FOUND WORTHY. I COULD STILL BE FOUND WORTHY. I GOT A TATTOO. MJOLNIR WITH "BORN FOR THIS" ON THE BANNER, BECAUSE I ALWAYS FELT I WAS BORN FOR SOMETHING MORE. THOR WAS BORN TO BE A KING, BUT HE HAD TO PROVE HIMSELF A HERO. I don't know what I was born to be. BUT I FELT LIKE I HAD TO PROVE MY WORTH BEFORE I COULD GET THERE. I HAD TO EARN MY HAMMER. THOR WAS BOTH PERFECT AND FLAWED AT THE SAME TIME. I OFTEN FELL INTO DAYDREAMS WHERE I FOUND THE HAMMER, THAT I PICKED IT UP, THAT I WAS WORTHY AND WAS GRANTED THE POWER OF THOR. I MADE A THOR COSPLAY, WITH EMBROIDERY, WITH ARMOR, IT WAS all leather and wool and linen. I WANTED TO BE THOR, BUT I DIDN'T WANT TO CROSSPLAY. I DIDN'T WANT TO BE A SHE-THOR, I HATED BEING CALLED LADY-THOR, OR THORGIRL. I DIDN'T DO "SEXY THOR" OR "WHOR" AS PEOPLE OFTEN CALL THOSE COSPLAYS. I WAS IN HIS ARMOR EXCEPT SHAPED TO FIT MY BODY. I WANTED TO BE THOR IF THOR WERE A WOMAN. I WANTED TO BE AS THOUGH I AS A WOMAN PICKED UP THE HAMMER AND I WAS GRANTED THE POWER OF STORMS.

I AM DOWN ON MY LUCK AT THE MOMENT. I LOST MY JOB BECAUSE I WANTED THE RAISE I WAS PROMISED AND NEVER RECEIVED. I WAS A HONORABLE WORKER, "LOYAL TO A FAULT" WERE WORDS USED TO DESCRIBE ME. I DID THE BEST I COULD, AND IN THE END I WAS FIRED FOR STIRRING THE POT AND ASKING FOR "FAIR AND EQUAL PAY". I FEEL DISHONORED. I FELT BETRAYED. I FELT UNDER APPRECIATED. I FEEL WORTHLESS. I FEEL LIKE I HAVE DROPPED MY HAMMER. THEN, TODAY, THE DAY AFTER MY TERMINATION, WHILE ONLINE FILLING OUT FORMS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT WITH A HEART WEIGHED DOWN IN SHAME, I SEE

THE REVEAL FROM MARVEL.

THERE IS GOING TO BE A NEW THOR. THIS THOR WILL BE A WOMAN. A WOMAN WHO IS WORTHY TO LIFT THE HAMMER. IN OCTOBER, I WILL SEE WHAT I ALWAYS DREAMED OF. I WILL SEE WHAT -- IN MY MIND -- IS A COMIC BOOK STARRING ME, A WOMAN WHO RAISED THE HAMMER, AND LIKE CAROL DANVERS BEFORE HER, TOOK ON THE LEGACY OF A MAN BEFORE HER, TOOK HIS TITLE, HIS MANTEL, AND PUNCHES A HOLE IN THE SKY. LIKE CAROL SHE ISN'T LADY-MARVEL, SHE IS CAPTAIN MARVEL. THIS NEW THOR, SHE IS HER OWN WOMAN, TAKING ON THE POSITION OF THIS REALM'S PROTECTOR. SHE WILL BE THE THOR THIS WORLD NEEDS.

I FEEL LIKE THIS IS THE START OF SOMETHING AMAZING, SOMETHING GREAT. I LOVE YOUR WRITING, I LOVE THOR: GOD OF THUNDER. I FOLLOW YOU ON TWITTER AND GUSH AT YOU ABOUT MY EXCITEMENT OVER YOUR RUNS, BUT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU, CRYING. I AM CRYING, SIR, AND IT'S BECAUSE, FOR THE FIRST TIME I FEEL LIKE EVERYTHING WILL BE OKAY. I FEEL LIKE I CAN DUST MYSELF OFF, PICK UP MY HAMMER, AND FACE THE WORLD. THANK YOU SO MUCH. IN OCTOBER I WILL BE IN NYCC DRESSED AS THOR, AND I WON'T HAVE TO TELL PEOPLE THAT I'M NOT LADY-THOR, OR THOR WHO JUST SO HAPPENS TO BE A GIRL, BUT THAT I. AM. THOR. GODDESS. OF. THUNDER.

Thank you so much. I WAS BORN FOR THIS.

SARAH JEAN MAEFS

'NUFF SAID. THANKS SO MUCH, SARAH. MAY THE EYES OF ASGARD BE EVER UPON THEE.

ANYONE ELSE WHO WANTS TO SEE A BADASS NEW FEMALE VERSION OF THOR IN ACTION? I'LL SEE YOU RIGHT BACK HERE NEXT ISSUE.

> JASON AARON KC, SEPTEMBER 2014

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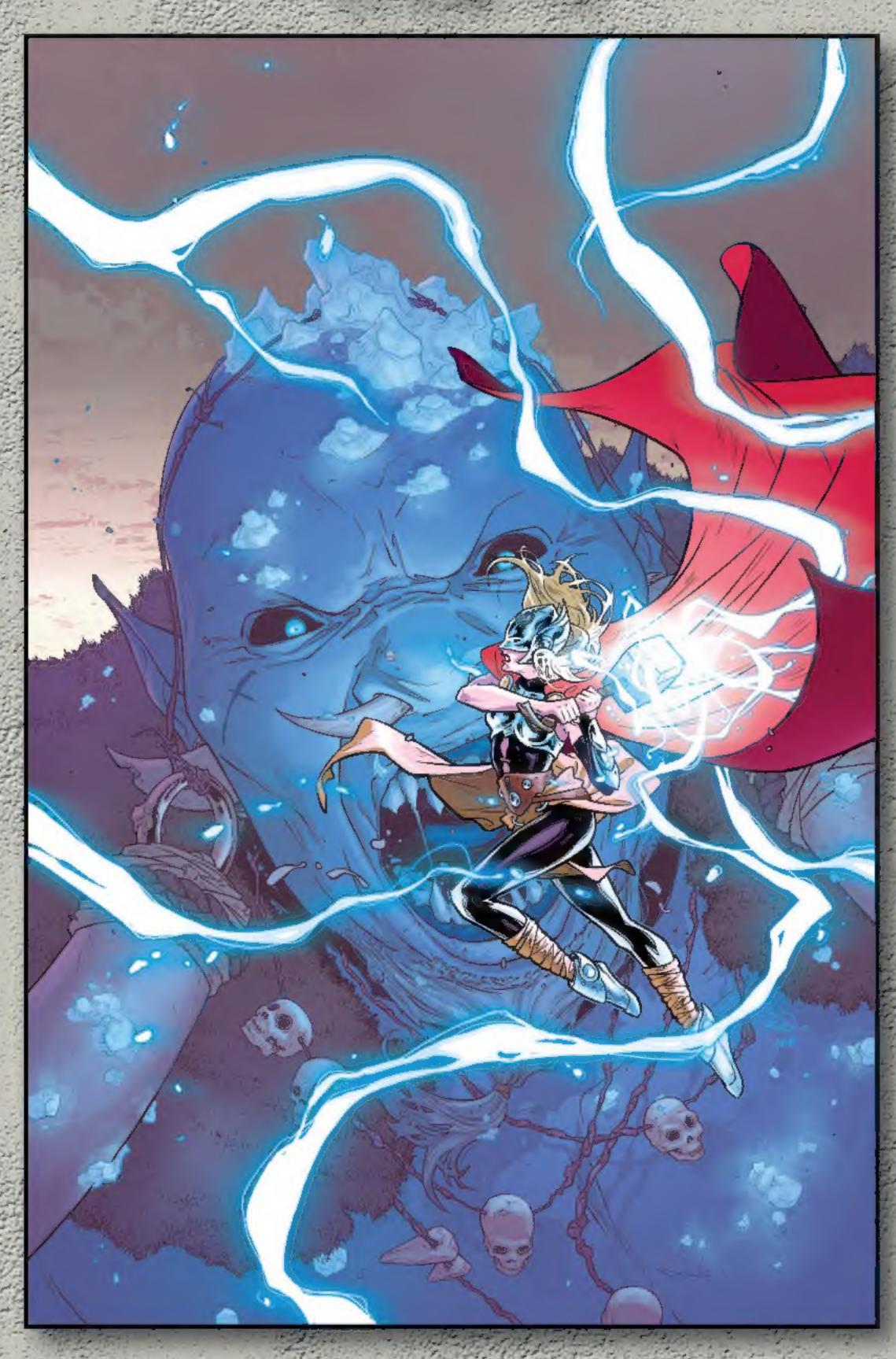
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